

CALAVERAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA SUBMITTAL

Short Name/Subject Declaration of local State of Emergency	Board Meeting Date September 10, 2015	Agenda Number 4
Dept: Board of Supervisors Contact: Shirley Ryan Phone: 209/754-6025	Supervisory District Number Countywide	Regular Agenda
Published Notice Required? No Public Hearing Required? No		Estimated Time: 30 Minutes
Type of Document? Resolution PowerPoint Presentation Included? No Budget Transfer Included (Must be signed by Auditor)? No Complete Agreement Required? No Position Allocation Change? No		

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution declaring a Local State of Emergency.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

The Board of Supervisors under Gov. Code 54956.5(b), can hold an emergency meeting on less than 24-hours advance notice if the emergency situation involves "matters upon which prompt action is necessary due to the disruption or threatened disruption of public facilities". An emergency is defined in Gov. Code 54956.5(a) as "a work stoppage, crippling activity, or other activity that severely impairs public health, safety, or both, as determined by a majority of the members of the legislative body".

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors declare the existence of a Local state of Emergency pursuant to the Emergency Services Act (Gov. Code 8558 (c) and Chapter 2.72 of the Calaveras County Code.

The Butte Fire has burned over 4000 acres, was at only 30% containment as last reported, and at least 6 homes in Calaveras County have been lost (along with several outbuildings). Areas of the Town of Mokelumne Hill is have been evacuated, and the Red Cross has been activated to provide emergency shelter for displaced residents. As a result of the fire, over 12,000 homes are without power.


FINANCING:

At this early juncture, no costs have been determined.

ALTERNATIVES:

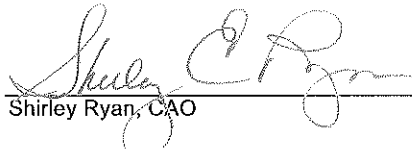
The Board could choose not to declare the Butte Fire a local emergency. This is not recommended given the seriousness of the Butte wildland fire.

APPROVED BY:



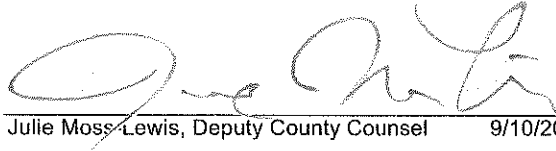
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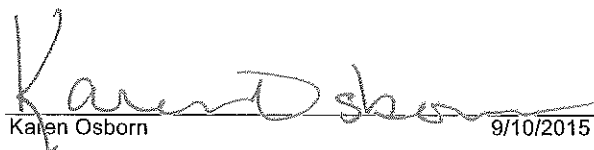
Julie Moss-Lewis, Deputy County Counsel

9/10/2015

AYES: Edson, Wright, Oliveira, Ponte


Cypel W. Edson Chair 9/10/2015

ATTEST


Karen Osborn 9/10/2015

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF CALAVERAS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
September 10, 2015

Resolution
No. 20150910086

**DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN
CALAVERAS COUNTY DUE TO THE SEPTEMBER 2015
BUTTE WILDLAND FIRE.**

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2015, the County of Calaveras found that, due to the Butte Fire, a condition of extreme peril to life and property does currently exist in Calaveras County during the period beginning on September 9, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, section 2.72.060 of the Calaveras County Code empowers the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said county is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2.72.010 et. seq. of the Calaveras County Code, the Director of Emergency Services has proclaimed a Local State of Emergency throughout Calaveras County; and,

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors shall be the Director of Emergency Services in Calaveras County; and,

WHEREAS, the Calaveras County Director of Emergency Services does believe that these conditions remain, the Board of Supervisors does desire to ratify the proclamation of the existence of a Local Emergency.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors does hereby ratify the September 10, 2015, Declaration of a Local Emergency in Calaveras County as a result of the September 9, 2015, wildland fire that has caused damage to public and private property; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Calaveras also requests the State of California to waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts, to make available recovery assistance under the California Disaster Act, and to expedite access to federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs; and,

BE IT FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governor of California with a request that he proclaim the County of Calaveras be in a state of emergency; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

ON A MOTION by Supervisor Ponte seconded by Supervisor Wright, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Calaveras, State of California this 10th day of September, 2015, by the following vote: